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March 8, 2019

Mr. Geoff Ziezulewicz
1919 Gallows Road
Suite 400
Vienna, VA 22182

Dear Mr. Ziezulewicz:

SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of February 26, 2019. You seek a copy of any and all materials, including but not limited to memos, communications, electronic communications, assessments, reports and meeting notes pertaining to the decision to no longer distribute flag officer nominations to the Pentagon and Navy press offices for public distribution. You also seek a copy of any notes related to the processing of your FOIA request. Your request was received in this office on September 10, 2018, and has been assigned FOIA correspondence file number PERS20190269 by this command.

A copy of responsive documentation is enclosed. Portions of the documentation reflecting deliberative communications are exempt from disclosure under FOIA exemption 5 [5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5)]. Disclosure of the withheld information would significantly inhibit the free and frank opinions, recommendations, advice, subjective evaluations, or other deliberative communications in future similar decision-making processes. Names, email addresses and other personally identifying information is being withheld under FOIA exemption (6) [5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6)]. Release of such information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of those individuals. FOIA processing notes are enclosed.

Because your request is partially denied by this command, you are advised of your right to appeal this determination in writing to the Office of the Judge Advocate General, OJAG Code 14, 1322 Patterson Avenue SE Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066. If an appeal is deemed necessary, it must be received in that office within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter, in order to be considered. To expedite an appeal, you should enclose a copy of this letter and a copy of the

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original request along with a statement regarding why your appeal should be granted. The letter of appeal and the envelope should bear the notation, "FOIA/PA APPEAL."

I am the official responsible for the partial denial of your request. Should you wish to discuss the processing of your request, you may contact the undersigned at (901) 874-3165. You may also contact the DON FOIA Public Liaison, Christopher Julka, at Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil or (703) 697-0031. Further, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) as they provide a voluntary mediation process for resolving disputes between persons making FOIA requests and the Department of the Navy (DON). For more information, please go to: <https://www.archives.gov/ogis/about-ogis/contact-information>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. P. German', with a stylized flourish at the end.

D. P. GERMAN
FOIA/PA Officer

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CAPT OPNAV N1, OJAG

From: (b)(6) CAPT USN DCNO N1 (USA)
Sent: uary 26, 2019 3:37 PM
To: (b)(6) LT USN SECNAV WASHINGTON DC (USA); (b)(6) CAPT USN
CHINFO WASHINGTON DC (USA)
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USN CHINFO WASHINGTON DC (US); (b)(6) LCDR USN CHINFO WASHINGTON DC
(USA); (b)(6) LT USN DCNO N1 (US)
Subject: RE: WSJ RFI
Signed By: (b)(6)

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This is the response approved by VCNO/CNP that I provided to (b)(6)

"The Navy is currently reviewing the timing associated with the public notification process for all boards and assignments including Flag Officer nominations. In the interim, we continue to submit nominations to the Office of the Secretary of Defense for approval, who in turn, submits any selection(s) to the White House. Following Presidential approval, nominations are posted on the Senate website."

Happy to chat further on the phone.

Vr,
(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) LT SECNAV, PAO (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 3:19 PM
To: (b)(6) CAPT, Deputy CHINFO (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) CDR CHINFO, OI-3 (b)(6),
(b)(6) CAPT CHINFO, OI-00 (b)(6); (b)(6) LCDR
CHINFO, OI-3 (b)(6); (b)(6) LT N1, N00P
(b)(6); (b)(6) CAPT N1, PAO
(b)(6)
Subject: RE: WSJ RFI

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V/r.
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Very Respectfully,
LT (b)(6)
Public Affairs Officer
Office of the Secretary of the Navy
(b)(6)
(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CAPT CHINFO, OI-00 (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 2:15 PM
To: (b)(6) LT SECNAV, PAO (b)(6); (b)(6)
(b)(6) LCDR CHINFO, OI-3 (b)(6) (b)(6) CAPT, Deputy
HINFO (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) CDR CHINFO, OI-3 (b)(6)
Subject: RE: WSJ RFI

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From: (b)(6) LT SECNAV, PAO (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 1:04 PM
To: (b)(6) LCDR CHINFO, OI-3 (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) CDR CHINFO, OI-3 (b)(6); (b)(6)
(b)(6) CAPT CHINFO, OI-00 (b)(6)
Subject: WSJ RFI

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Very Respectfully,
LT (b)(6)
Public Affairs Officer
Office of the Secretary of the Navy
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Email: (b)(6)

DATE 2/27/19 START
PURPOSE 2019-004179

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NOTES

DNS-36 LOOKING FOR FOIA HOME

~~FOIA~~ DOCS NO LONGER DISTRIBUTING FUG

OFFICER NAMES TO PENTAGON & PRESS

PRINTED, FOLDER FOR POTENTIAL ACTION

INITIAL REVIEW OF REQUEST

~~CONTACTED~~ CNP/N1 JAG TO DISCUSS

FWD DNS-36 EMAIL + REQ to CNP/N1 JAG

RCVD INPUT BACK FROM CNP/N1 JAG

MADE REDUCTIONS (b5 + b6)

DRAFTED RESP (NEED ACTUAL DNS-36 ASSIGNMENT)

RCVD ASSIGNMENT FROM DNS-36 VIA FOIA ONLINE

FINAL REVIEW - LTR & DOCS

UPLOAD IN FOIA ONLINE

ACTION COMPLETED

NOTE: FEE-WAIVER REQUEST - NOT BILLABLE

DO 3/8/19

SUMMARY